

*Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, April 13th, 1983.*

*Mr. Treasurer ~ ~ ~*

*May I present to you and this Convocation The Honourable Mark Rudolph MacGuigan and request that you confer upon him the degree of Doctor of Laws.*

*Possessed of a deep intellectual ability by which he earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Medieval Philosophy while still attending law school, following his Call to the Bar in 1958, he added to his academic attainments a Master of Laws degree and the degree of Doctor of Juridical Science.*

*Entering upon a career as a teacher, he combined high academic achievement with an appreciation of the practical problems of administration and was chosen to be the first Dean of Law at the University of Windsor Law School. During his years in the teaching profession he did not restrict himself to academic pursuits alone but was active in applying the principles he taught to the problems facing society as a founding Director and later Chairman of the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.*

*First elected to Parliament in 1968 his many talents have been employed in the service of his country and its people. His qualifications in the law made him a valued member of numerous Parliamentary Committees and his experience in international law led to his being selected as Canada's representative to many international conferences and subsequently to his appointment as Secretary of State for External Affairs.*

*As Minister of Justice he brings to this portfolio, at a time when many complex issues are being addressed and reforms contemplated, his keen intellect which combined with his experience and balanced judgment will redound to the benefit of the nation and the profession.*

*I request, Mr. Treasurer, that you exercise the authority vested in you by Convocation and admit The Honourable Mark Rudolph MacGuigan to the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa.*

